

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 18 July 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-38.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03 June 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on July 18, 2005 overcomes the 101 rejections to claims 5-20, 24, 25 and 28-38. In addition, as pointed out by the Applicant in the Remarks, (Amendment, pg. 16), claims 1-4, 21-23, 26 and 27 recite at least holding information in memory, which places these claims in compliance with statute 35 U.S.C. 101. Hence, the 101 rejections to claims 1-38 are withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-38 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With regard to the independent claims, Applicants define a method and computer system to verify a user in association with a message. The prior art of record, Zhang, Stallings and Schneier, disclose a similar method and computer system; however, neither Zhang Stallings nor Schneier, either alone or in combination disclose holding in memory a function generation unique value s by a right issuer for the user; creating a value generation unique value u in a unique value calculation unit from the function generation unique value s provided from the memory and the unique value d , the value generation unique value u being provided as a series of m values where $u = (u_1, \dots, u_m)$ to a token for the user; creating by a hash value calculation unit a one-way function value $X(M)$ of a message M by applying the one-way function H to the value generation unique value

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u from the unique value calculation unit and the message M, where the one-way function value $X(M) = H(u_1|M) \parallel \dots \parallel H(u_m|M)$; holding a certificate C to prove a public key y paired with the one-way function value X(M); holding a certificate C to prove a public key y paired with the one-way function value X(M); issuing a capability X from the right issuer to the user, the capability X representing a right of the user in association with the message M; and verifying the user from the public key y and the capability X by a right verifier. Hence, claims 1-38 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Communications Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jung W. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3804. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:00.

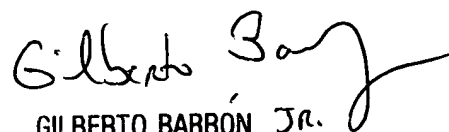
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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